THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) At present the guidelines of the 45-country Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) impede cooperation in nuclear energy and trade in nuclear technology and materials with India. The Joint Statement of July 18,2005 commits the USA to work with its friends and allies to adjust international regimes to, enable full civil nuclear energy cooperation and trade with India. Government have also taken up the issue bilaterally with a number of NSG member countries.

**Increasing slums in Cities**

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SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any action plan to deal with the slums increasing rapidly in cities; and

(b) the total population of the country residing in such slums?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMAR! SELJA): (a) The Government has launched Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) with effect from December 3, 2005 to address the issues of provision of housing and civic amenities in slums in addition to city-wide infrastructure facilities. The Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) programme addresses housing and civic amenities in 63 Mission cities. Similar problems of non-Mission cities are addressed through the scheme of Integrated Housing & Slum Development Programme (IHSDP). The Mission period is 2005—2012.

(b) The population residing in such slums is estimated by the Town & Country Planning Organisation (TCPO) at 62 million in 2001.

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